



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 609

January Session, 2015

Substitute Senate Bill No. 568

Senate, April 13, 2015

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 16-50l of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

4 (2) Not later than sixty days after the initial municipal consultation
5 meeting, the municipality, in cooperation with the applicant, may hold
6 a public information meeting. If the municipality decides to hold a
7 public information meeting, the applicant shall be responsible for
8 sending notice of such meeting to each person appearing of record as
9 an owner of property which abuts the proposed or alternate facility
10 locations and for publishing notice of such meeting in a newspaper of
11 general circulation in the municipality at least fifteen days before the
12 date of the public information meeting. Such applicant shall pay all
13 administrative expenses associated with such public information
14 meeting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
---	--	--

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	16-501(f)(2)
-----------	------------------------	--------------

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(f)(2), the brackets before and after the first clause of the second sentence were removed and "The" was deleted for clarity.

ET***Joint Favorable Subst.***

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill, which requires an applicant for a telecommunication tower to pay for all administrative expenses associated with such public information meeting, would have a potential minimal savings to various municipalities who would otherwise have to incur public meeting costs.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 568*****AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS
REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires telecommunications tower developers to pay all administrative expenses associated with public information meetings held by municipalities that would be potentially affected by the location of a tower. By law, at least 90 days before filing an application with the Siting Council, such developers must consult with any (1) municipality in which the tower is proposed to be located, either as the primary or alternate location, and (2) adjoining municipality within 2,500 feet of the tower. An affected municipality may hold a public information meeting on the proposed tower within 60 days of the consultation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/24/2015)